

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-245-E - ORDER NO. 2001-575

JUNE 13, 2001

IN RE: Request of Duke Power Company for)	ORDER APPROVING
Approval of On-Site Generation Service)	ON-SITE GENERATION
Program, Effective July 1, 2001.)	SERVICE PROGRAM

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Duke Power (Duke) for approval of an On-Site Generation Service Program, effective July 1, 2001. The program is a voluntary program for non-residential customers requesting Duke to install, maintain and operate a minimum of 300 kW of generation to be located on the customer's premises. The purpose of the generation is to serve as an alternative supply of electricity in the event that normal electric supply is interrupted (i.e., emergency or backup electric supply). The Program establishes terms and conditions for rendering on-site generation service. The Program also includes a rate provision which will determine a customer's specific monthly charge which reflects the cost incurred in providing this service.

According to Duke, the availability of this service has been requested by several customers who desire an improved continuity of service, but also desire to avoid ownership of emergency-type generation. This program is similar to Carolina Power & Light Company's Premier Power Program which is currently on file with the Commission.

We would note that S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F) (Supp. 2000) allows this Commission to allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing upon order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return. The proposed program clearly does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return of Duke. Accordingly, we hereby approve the proposed program as filed, effective July 1, 2001. We believe that on-site generation is desirable in case the normal supply of electricity is interrupted for some reason. We also note a customer desire for the program, and that the program is similar to one already approved for Carolina Power & Light.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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